

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 2 at line 14 and ending on Page 2 at line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Yet another opportunity for damage occurs after the balloon has been used for its intended purpose, and is subsequently deflated and withdrawn from the vessel. After deflation, the balloon again collapses inwardly toward its center, for example into a modified "X" configuration. When blades or other incising components are mounted on the balloon, to be located between the legs of the "X", the balloon is particularly vulnerable to damage. Specifically, damage can occur in this configuration if the balloon material is pushed against the incising component during passage through tortuous anatomy or during a twisting of the catheter. ~~Perhaps of greater concern, however, is inadvertent incising of the patient as the catheter and balloon are withdrawn from the vasculature system. A typical "cutting balloon" is not designed to prevent or minimize such tissue damage.~~